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E.O. 11652: ADS: AUG. 20, 1975

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SUBJECT: PORT SAID MINEFIELD CLEARANCE

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1. PARA 2 CONTAINS TEXT OF NOTE TO AMEND AGREEMENT OF APRIL 25, 1974, TO COVER PROPOSED CLEARING OPERATIONS AROUND PORT SAID AND BETWEEN PORT SAID AND DAMIETTA. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE AND CONCLUDE AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES WITH GOE USING THE TEXT IN PARA 2; ANY SUBSTANTIVE DEVIATIONS FROM THIS TEXT MUST BE CLEARED THROUGH DEPT. YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE TO GOE THAT WE CANNOT BEGIN CLEARING OPERATIONS UNTIL WE HAVE AN AGREEMENT DEFINING THE SCOPE OF THE OPERATIONS AND THE STATUS OF PARTICIPATING U.S.  
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PERSONNEL. THE AMENDMENT PROPOSED IN THE TEXT PARA 2

SIMPLY EXTENDS THE PROVISIONS THAT GOVERNED THE SUEZ CANAL MINE CLEARANCE TO CLEARING OPERATIONS AROUND PORT SAID, AND IT THEREFORE SHOULD NOT CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR ANYONE.

2. QUOTE. BXCELLENCY: I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE ARRANGEMENT OF APRIL 25, 1974, BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND EGYPT FOR THE CLEARANCE OF MINES AND UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE FROM THE SUEZ CANAL AND ITS ENVIRONS, AND TO THE RECENT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING ASSISTANCE BY THE UNITED STATES FOR SIMILAR CLEARING OPERATIONS IN THE COASTAL WATERS IN THE ENVIRONS

OF PORT SAID AND BETWEEN PORT SAID AND DAMIETTA. I PROPOSE THAT, IN ORDER THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARRANGEMENT OF APRIL 25, 1974, SHALL BE APPLICABLE TO OPERATIONS UNDERTAKEN IN THE AREA OF PORT SAID, ARTICLES 1A AND B OF THE ARRANGEMENT BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

"1. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WILL, SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, AND OTHERWISE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES, ASSIST IN THE CLEARANCE OF THE SUEZ CANAL AND OTHER AREAS AS FOLLOWS:

"A. A SPECIAL UNITED STATES FORCE (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "FORCE") ESTABLISHED FOR THESE PURPOSES SHALL, IN COOPERATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT AND, AS MAY BE AGREED, THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, CARRY OUT MINESWEEPING OPERATIONS IN THE SUEZ CANAL, AND IN THE COASTAL WATERS IN THE ENVIRONS OF PORT SAID AND BETWEEN PORT SAID AND DAMIETTA.

"B. THE FORCE SHALL ALSO PROVIDE TRAINING AND ADVISORY ASSISTANCE TO PERSONNEL OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT WITH A VIEW TO ENABLING THE LATTER TO CARRY OUT DETECTION AND DISPOSAL OF UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE SITUATED IN OR ADJACENT TO THE SUEZ CANAL, OR IN OR ADJACENT TO THE COASTAL WATERS IN THE ENVIRONS OF PORT SAID, OR BETWEEN PORT SAID AND DAMIETTA, BUT THE FORCE SHALL NOT ITSELF CARRY OUT SUCH OPERATIONS."

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IF THE FOREGOING IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT, I HAVE THE HONOR TO PROPOSE THAT THIS NOTE AND YOUR NOTE IN REPLY CONFIRMING ACCEPTANCE WILL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS AMENDING THE ARRANGEMENT OF APRIL 25, 1974.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST CON-

SIDERATION. END QUOTE.

3. UPON RECEIPT OF GOE REPLY TO EMBASSY'S NOTE, EMB SHOULD  
NOTIFY DEPT TELEGRAPHICALLY AND TRANSMIT CERTIFIED COPY  
OF EMB NOTE AND SIGNED ORIGINAL OF GOE NOTE IN REPLY  
TO DEPT (ATTN: ASSISTANT LEGAL ADVISER FOR TREATY  
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